Funds under TUFS for textile industry

250. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether release of funds amounting to Rs. 250 crore under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to textile industry has been held up and delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to release the funds at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Textile parks

†251. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to implement the scheme to establish new textile parks in the ensuring years;

(b) if so, the facilities decided to be provided to the textile manufactures through these parks;

(c) the maximum and minimum number of manufacturing units that has been fixed for every park; and

(d) the proposed number thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Government has launched the 'Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP)' to provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units. This scheme is based on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) and would facilitate textile units to meet international standards. Industry Association/Group of Entrepreneurs would be the main promoters of the Integrated Textile Parks.

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(b) Assistance is provided for development of common infrastructure and facilities, *inter alia* including, compound wall, roads, drainage, water supply, electricity supply including captive power plant, effluent treatment, testing laboratory, design centre, training centre, trade centre/display centre, ware housing facility/raw material deport, creche, canteen, workers hostel, offices of service providers, labour rest and recreation facilities and factory buildings for production purposes.

(c) The number of entrepreneurs in each Integrated Textile Park (ITP) varies from project to project.

(d) So far 26 projects have been approved under the SITP. State-wise location is—Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (6), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (6), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (5), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1).

Problems of textile sector

252. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite signs of resurgence, the textile sector is riddled with problems with roots in irrational policies and allocation of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Indian textile sector being very vast and varied, it is but natural that it is riddled with some or the other problem at any given point of time. However, the problems which may be treated as major ones are as follows:—

- Technological obsolescence;
- Small size of units;
- Fragmentation;
- High power tariffs with uncertain power supply;